

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 02734.0442-02000

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
 Steven L. EDWARDS et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1731  
 Application No.: 09/987,248 ) Examiner: J. Fortuna  
 Filed: November 14, 2001 )  
 For: METHOD FOR MAXIMIZING )  
 WATER REMOVAL IN A PRESS )  
 NIP )

Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of July 31, 2002. The items checked below are appropriate:

Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$930 for the Extension is to be charged to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	90	-	90	0	x \$ 18	\$ .00
Indep.	12	-	12	0	x \$ 84	.00
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						Subtotal \$ .00
						Reduction by ½ if small entity - .00
						TOTAL \$ .00

A fee of \$[Fee] to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

A fee of \$320.00 to cover Notice Of Appeal is to be charged to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

A check for \$[Total Fees] to cover the above fee(s) is enclosed.

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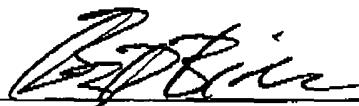
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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Dated: January 30, 2003

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